

ARCASIA

ARCHITECTS REGIONAL COUNCIL OF ASIA

3rd OB Meeting

Date: 20th July, 2017

Venue: KLCC, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Present:

President:	Ar. S.M. Jahangir Khan (JK)
VP Zone A:	Ar. Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed (AS)
VP Zone B:	Ar. Chan Eng Chye Theodore (TC)
VP Zone C:	Ar. Nuno Soares (NS)
Hon. Sec:	Ar. Ramiz Baig (RB)
Hon. Tres:	Ar. Sannah Ejaz (SE)
Past President:	Ar. Sathirut Nui Tandanand (ST)
Advisor:	Ar. Tan Pei Ing (PI)
Advisor:	Ar. George Kunihiro (GK)
ACGSA:	Ar. Debatosh Sahu (DS)
ACSR:	Ar. Sudhir Balakrishnan Pillai (SP)
ACPP:	Ar. Thirilogachandran Shanmugasundaram (TS)
ACYA:	Ar. Tan Szue Hann (HS)
Fellowship:	Ar. Rita Soh (RS)

Regrets

ACAE: Ar. John Joseph Fernandez (JJ)

By Invitation:

Ar. Ezumi Harzani Ismail (President, PAM)

Ar. Ahmad Djuhara (President, IAI)

Minutes of the Meeting

1.0 Welcome Remarks – ARCASIA President: Ar. S.M. Jahangir Khan

President ARCASIA asked ARCASIA Advisor George Kunihiro (GK) to say a prayer for John Joseph Fernandez's mother who has passed away tragically resulting in JJ having to leave us before the meeting. All the OB and CC expressed their heartfelt condolences.

President ARCASIA Ar. S.M. Jahangir Khan (JK) welcomed and thanked the Office Bearers to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia for the 3rd ARCASIA OB and CC Meeting.

2.0 Welcome Remarks – PAM President: Ar. Ezumi Harzani Ismail

President PAM Ar. Ezumi Harzani Ismail thanked and welcomed the OB and CC to Malaysia. He hoped that everyone was enjoying their stay in KL and were welcome to join in to all Kuala Lumpur Architecture Festival Activities.

President Ezumi presented the commemorative stamp issued for the official opening of the PAM building to all the OB and CC.

3.0 Adoption of the Agenda of 3rd OB Meeting: Hon. Secretary: Ar. Ramiz Baig

Hon. Secretary ARCASIA RB welcomed all to the meeting and stated that the agenda for the 3rd meeting was circulated to the OB and CC. AS proposed the agenda to be adopted and NS seconded. The agenda for the 3rd OB meeting was thus approved.

4.0 Adoption of the 2nd OB Meeting Minutes.

RB stated that the minutes of 2nd OB and CC Meeting were sent via email to all the OB and CC members and it's assumed that they were read before the start of the meeting. NS proposed the minutes to be adopted and TS seconded. Thus the minutes of the 2nd OB and CC meeting stood approved.

5.0 ARCASIA Affairs

5.1 Financial update – Hon. Treasurer: Ar. Sannah Ejaz

Hon. Secretary handed over the meeting to Hon. Treasurer to provide the OB and CC with the financial updates.

SE updated that still the process of opening the ARCASIA account is underway and we are operating on CASH. The details of the ARCASIA secretariat expenses were shared with the OB and CC.

PI informed that she still has cash left over with her by the previous administration which is separate from the money in the ARCASIA-PAM account. It was unanimously agreed that the cash will be handed over to SE.

5.2 Pending Issues follow up

RB stated before beginning with the financial updates all have gone through the minutes of 2nd OB meeting. Is there anything they would like to discuss regarding the pending issues and those arising from the minutes. The pending issues have their own agenda items and were discussed there.

5.3 Progress Report

5.3.1 ARCASIA Council Meeting

RB stated that you all are aware that we invoked the contingency plan to move the Council meeting out of the Jaipur as per the contingency plan agreed upon by all. RB stated that we had given the first choice to IIA for the new venue of Council Meeting as they are responsible for hosting it at another location. IIA has proposed to host the Council Meeting from 1st to 5th of November 2017 in Kathmandu, Nepal.

JK stated that we must go ahead with the option we have on the table and have the Council Meeting in Kathmandu, Nepal without any further delay. All the Presidents of the Institutes must be informed immediately.

The OB and CC unanimously decided to have the Council Meeting in Kathmandu, Nepal.

DS stated that the 1st of November is arrival in Kathmandu, 2nd is the OB and CC meeting and 3rd, 4th is the Council Meeting, with optional tour and departures on the 5th of November 2017.

5.3.2 Progress report on ARCASIA Forum 19

RB stated that we have been updated by the host, all the pictures, videos and papers are reflected on the ARCASIA website. Anyone who attended can update us on the Forum 19.

AS updated that the overall arrangements were excellent specially the venues in Jaipur “The Heritage City”. The organizing team did a wonderful job. The only point one could raise was about the AAA ceremony, one felt that too many awards were given which kind of diluted the ceremony.

PI also said that the ceremony was not a sit down dinner thus the people in attendance were not able to give their full attention to the ceremony. PI and GK will update and consolidate the TOR for the AAA for ACA18. Due to less time between ACA17 and Forum 19 the material for the ARCASIA publication was also not received and in the future we must be vary of these things and proper time should be given for the execution of this prestigious award.

5.3.3 Progress Report on ARCASIA and V4AF meeting and subsequent roundtable

JK informed all that over the past few years we have been trying to have a MOU with the Visegrad 4 Architecture Foundation V4AF and on my way to attend the ACE roundtable in Rome I stopped at Budapest to discuss our possible partnership. It was a very fruitful meeting where we felt that while we wait till council meeting for the MOU we should still start and plan a roundtable and seminar on heritage inviting European and Asian perspectives on this important topic. We successfully held this event in Budapest on the 1st of July and even though we had such a short notice we had good representation from many ARCASIA countries and the end result was a joint resolution on heritage by ARCASIA and V4AF. This resolution will be presented at the Council Meeting.

This cross regional event has opened doors for further interaction and events amongst the two regions and we surely look forward to another in 2018.

JK said that he along with RB also met with the Hungarian institute of Architects AHA and they also are very willing to partner with ARCASIA on having exhibitions. They are also hosting an international photography competition and have asked us to encourage our ARCASIA members to participate.

Another development on this trip was a possibility to get membership to EDEN Europe Distance and E-learning Network which will open their vast resources to us. PI suggested taking this up at the council meeting before committing.

5.3.4 Progress report on President ARCASIA meeting with ACE and EAAE

JK updated that we received an Invitation from the ACE President, to attend the ACE Meeting in Rome and education roundtable. He also got to attend the EAAE symposium where VP Zone C NS was also presenting. He stated that we are aiming to have an interaction with them based on exchange of education resources but not limited to that. He updated them on the various areas on which ARCASIA is working. He wanted to have an exchange of Student and Teachers and start a relation with them on Architecture Education trainings and workshops.

Immediate result of this interaction is that at UIA2017 Congress in Seoul ACE and ARCASIA are having a joint seminar looking at the future of architecture education and other areas of mutual interest.

5.3.5 ARCASIA fund management/resolving banking issues

PI stated on the financial updates that we need to discuss about the ARCASIA Account. Currently we have the PAM – ARCASIA account. What are the possibilities of setting up a permanent banking account in Malaysia or Singapore or anywhere else in the region?

PI also stated that RB and JK must speak to IAP to setup an IAP – ARCASIA account within Pakistan. Till your term ends you must have an ARCASIA account to operate. RB said that currently we are using IAP account directly when needed but yes we should look into the possibility of setting up a linked account.

GK stated that moving ARCASIA money from one country to another as the Presidency changes is becoming a problem. ARCASIA must look into setting up a permanent secretariat in one of its member countries with a paid person to look after all the secretarial and financial responsibilities.

JK requested PI to work with RB and come up with the pros and cons of a permanent and fixed secretariat and we can put it up at the council meeting.

ST stated that the cash came from the institutes fees were used in ARCASIA Expenses and the project expenses were used from sponsorships.

PI stated that ARCASIA PAM account was originally setup for the sponsorship money raised during her term for the projects expenses. Cash from Institutes fees were not used in projects expenses.

5.3.6 Progress report on ACA18, Tokyo, Japan.

GK presented a PowerPoint presentation to the OB. He stated that the theme of the ACA 18 is "Simplicity and Multiplicity. He stated that JIA has a committee of young architects organizing the ACA 18. The dates of the event are from September 10th, 2018 to September 14th, 2018. The venue is Meiji University which is in the center of Tokyo. There are 2 campuses of the university. The Student Jamboree will take place in other campus of Meiji University which is 15 minutes away from the Congress Campus.

He stated that the social events will take place at Hotel Neo Otani. The Congress, Student Jamboree and Stay is all in the center of the Tokyo. To introduce all the ARCASIA Members with the JIA Members we planned a four and a half day ACA with the JIA National Convention. The first four and a half day is the ACA then they'll overlap it with the JIA Event. The JIA Members will join others in dinners and Friendship night. Some of the ARCASIA Official Delegates can join in the JIA Events as well and some of the ARCASIA Members are also invited to speak in JIA Event.

GK stated that he looking after the Student Jamboree. In 5 days of Student Jamboree there will be Welcome Reception, City Tour, Workshop, Congress and they'll join the Friendship Dinner Night and the final review on the 5th day.

For the Registration and Visa process he stated that JIA will make sure that everyone is able to attend ACA 18. For this they'll need cooperation and participation of Institutes to execute this accordingly. Registration and Visa Application will be sent out to each institute.

For the ACA GK asked the OB about the necessary requirements for the call for papers or they just invite. RB stated that the call for papers is for forum and not for ACA.

He stated that they will invite speakers from ARCASIA Members Institute. On the 5th day they will have ACSR Symposium and the JIA Members can join too. He also stated that the at Day 1 Meiji University has given us the place for free they also asked to have a one-day ACAE Symposium there. The OB decided against it and suggested that as done in Hong Kong is best to incorporate the symposiums with the Congress itself.

The OB unanimously said that the cycle for the thesis of the year TOY and ARCASIA student design competition must not break and JIA should organize them as part of ACA.

GK stated that we must be very punctual and every effort must be made to follow the timings and that council meeting other things must start and end on time. The Travel expenses of the OB members are not covered by JIA but the accommodations are. He asked the OB about inviting other organizations like UIA, ACE, AUA etc. PI said that all organizations we have MOU with or who invite us we must offer reciprocal hospitality. Its best that JIA handles it otherwise ARCASIA will have to bear the cost.

JK requested GK to allow him up to 10 invitations.

GK stated that JIA is planning for having 150 international student participants in the Jamboree. RB felt that this number is too low! This notion was agreed by all and they requested GK to reconsider the number. A suggestion was to have at least 10 per member institute so at least 210 students as many would love to take up this fantastic opportunity to visit Japan.

5.4 Reports from Committee Chairs

5.4.1 ACSR

SP presented the ACSR report to the OB and updated all on the ACSR Meeting held at Forum 19. The presentation sent by SONA on their updated UA toilet was also shared with all. PI stated that the design had deviated quite a bit from the winning entry and in such case we can't undertake it. Also the money reserved for this project has already been used for the ACSR Charter. SONA needs to be asked for a design in line with the winning entry as well as a cost proposal and we can then re look at it.

5.4.2 ACPP

TS presented the ACCP report to the OB. He updated they are planning to have a practice meeting in December next year hosted by PAM. He stated that he is also in talks with AUA for a joint event with them. There is a possibility of events in the next year with IIA and IAI.

5.4.3 ACGSA

DS stated that ACGSA had a packed schedule during Forum 19. They first had a formal meeting with the Hon. Mayor of Jaipur, India. Then ACGSA had a tree planting ceremony in Jaipur and of course the committee meeting. DS presented the synopsis of the ACGSA meeting to the OB. ACGSA aims to have 2 roundtables during the term and will most probably tie up with ACPP when IAI hosts them.

5.4.4 ACAE

NS updated the OB on behalf of JJ about the ACAE roundtable that just concluded in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. He also updated about his ARCASIA teacher training workshop also

in Yogyakarta, this was the 4th of its kind and the first outside Pakistan. NS stated it would be ideal to have the next one now in Zone C.

5.4.5 ACYA

HS updated the OB about the ACYA Meeting in Forum 19, Jaipur. RB said that he missed the ACYA representative from IAI at the Yogyakarta event. RB also stated that its best to now relook at the ACYA committee that along with their own events the local representative must always take part in any ARCASIA event taking place in their country and report back to the committee. HS agreed that was a very good idea and he will encourage his members to be more active. HS also said that the planned "stormathon" is being discussed to be held end of the year in Chang Mai hosted by ASA.

5.4.6 Fellowship

RS updated the OB with the criteria to qualify for the ARCASIA. RS said that the new updated list she has received from institutes has many variations from the previous ones and some people who existed before have now disappeared! PI said this is a very sensitive topic and we have to take the word of the institutes. RS said that she herself will now write to all presidents regarding the matter.

The role of the fellowship was further discussed. RS showed her presentation from Jaipur.

6.0 Any other Matters

VP Zone B TC presented what he believed would be the new role of architects and how we must adapt before becoming obsolete. He said he will engage the presidents of his zone and come up with a way forward.

VP Zone A AS was tasked with figuring out how a work program for heritage could be formed for ARCASIA without creating another committee as member institutes already find it difficult to send so many committee reps to ARCASIA events. This work program could consist of people who we know will work for the heritage issues and the modalities of such a work group need to be formed.

RB said that ACAE could not organize the ARCASIA student design competition for the Forum but we must not let the opportunity go by and we should aim to have it by the council meeting and maintain continuity. JK said that in JJ absence NS should look after the ACAE affairs and fill in the gaps where needed. RB said he will coordinate with NS and setup the student competition the topic of which "water and architecture" was already setup in the 2nd OB and CC meeting.

PI asked about the ARCASIA Booth in UIA Seoul 2017. ST Stated that ASA has prepared the Booth and we'll share the photographs with you so all can have a look. ST will coordinate with the organizers in Seoul for the costing and setting up of the booth.

JK updated the OB about a meeting he had in Dubai with potential hosts for a green and sustainable event at the end of the year. He said the details will be shared with all as they become available. This event will continue on our cross regional efforts and bring together experts from Europe and ARCASIA together with the ones from the Middle East.

ST said that he is working on the travel prize and really wants it to continue and be a regular feature. He will update us with the financials shortly. JK requested ST to have the same sponsor as before for the travel prize.

NS updated that the ARCASIA Zone C countries are planning to have meetings, events and visits amongst themselves. A meeting is scheduled before the ARCASIA Council meeting between AAM and JIA.

RB shared the Yogyakarta declaration with the OB and the CC. This declaration will be shared at the council meeting.

GK updated that JIA are willing to host a OB and CC meeting on 23rd March, 2018, this meeting will be ideal to get updated on the preparations for the ACA in September. RB stated that the next OB meeting is on 1st November with the Council Meeting then after that it's a 4/5 month gap and we may need to schedule one more meeting between the ones in Nepal and Japan.

JK requested all 5 CC to allow for at least one of their proposed events to be cross regional in the coming year and suggest proposals for the same.

7.0 Date of Next OB and CC Meeting and Venue.

Next OB and CC meeting is on 1st of November, 2017 in Kathmandu, Nepal.